

# Smart Growth and Economic Development

**Cape and Islands Regional Discussion** 

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## Executive Office of Economic Development



#### Goals

- Promote Growth:
  - Create jobs
  - Position each region of MA for long-term competitiveness
- Remove Barriers to Growth
- Increase Coordination of State Programs



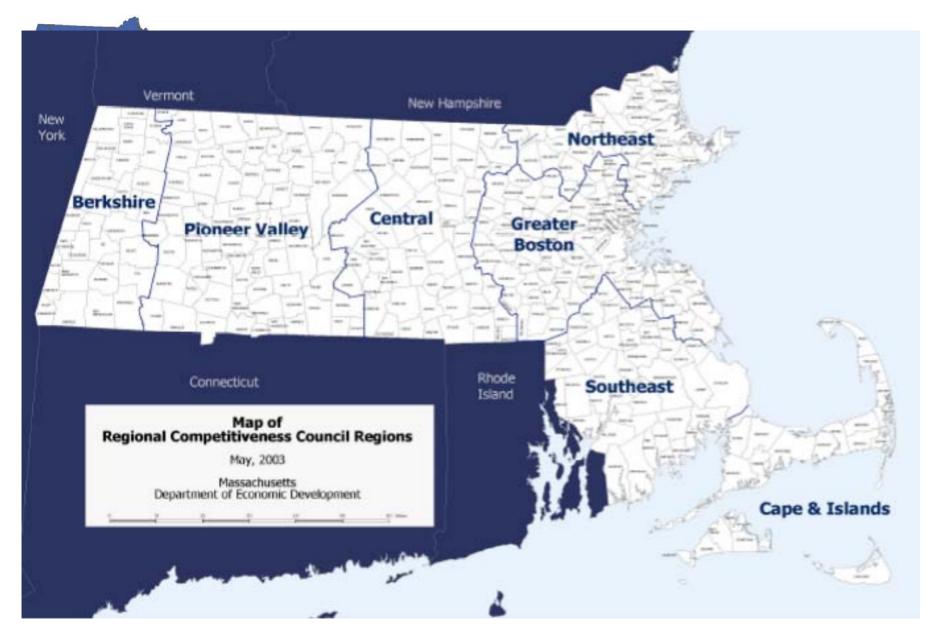


#### MA Economic Development Business Incentives & Programs

Category	Program
Tax Credits	Single Sales Factor Economic Development Incentive Program Research and Development Tax Credit Investment Tax Credit
Grants	Workforce Training Fund Workforce Training Express Emerging Technology Fund Safety Grants
Loans	Economic Stabilization Trust Mass Development Loans and Guarantees Mass Development Bond Financing Program
Programs	Regional Competitiveness Councils Industry Cluster Initiatives District Improvement Financing International Exporting International Trade and Investment

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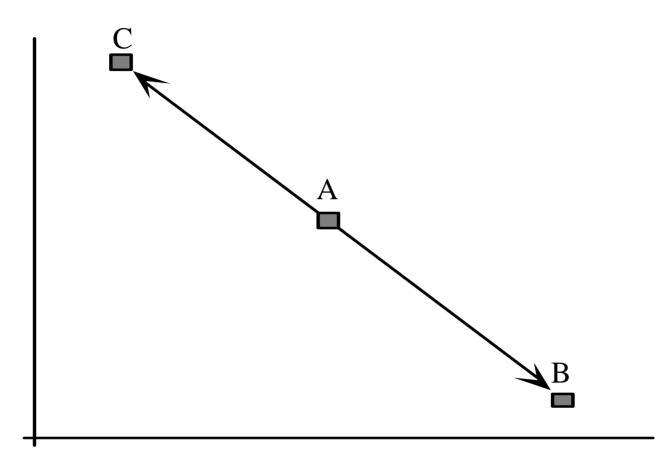






# Barriers to Growth: Battle between growth and non –growth interests





**Economic Interests** 





## Cape and Islands RCC Executive Summary

Cape Cod and the Islands are distinct within the Commonwealth,

highly dependent on a visitor-based economy

and preservation of a fragile marine environment that is

a critical foundation for both the economy and the social fabric

to support a sustainable community

now and into the future.



# Cape and Islands RCC: Clusters with Economic Development Potential

#### **Emerging Clusters**

Marine Science & Related Technology
Information & Related Technology
Arts & Culture ~ The Creative Economy
Education & Knowledge-Based Business

#### **Traditional Clusters**

Hospitality & Leisure

Agriculture & Aquaculture

Fishing & Fishing Products

**Business & Financial Services** 





# Cape and Islands RCC Cross Cutting Issues impacting Economic Development

Small/Micro Businesses and Entrepreneurship Dominate the Region

Environmental Protection is Vital and Supports Business Development

Second Home and Retiree Markets Reflect Unique Demographics and Opportunities

Healthcare is More Critical and More Challenging with an Aging Population



### Cape and Islands RCC Regional Role in supporting sustainable growth

- Protect environment in all aspects (open space, water and air quality, traffic abatement, etc.)
- Encourage development of renewable energy strategies
- Develop wastewater management districts and coastal management strategies
- Improve zoning, planning, development
- Promote concentration of small business growth in Main Street areas with housing above businesses and higherdensity housing nearby
- Limit growth in undeveloped areas





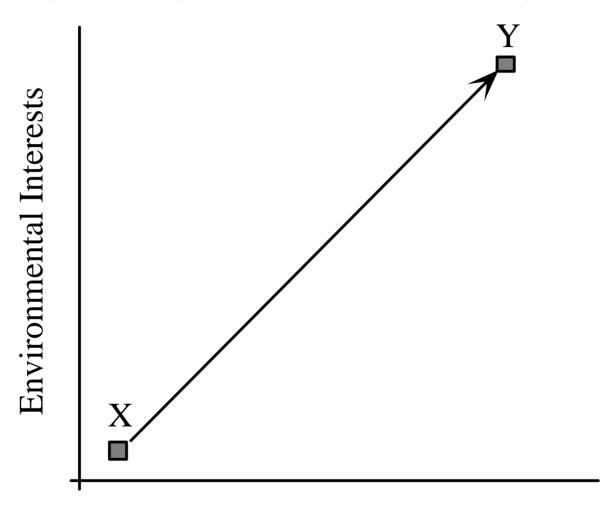
# Opportunities created by Sustainable Development

- Development clustered in village centers
- Adaptive re- use of existing structures
- Efficiencies of regional planning
- Maximize infrastructure investment
- Development of workforce housing
- Encourage and accelerate development
- Enable transportation choice
- Protect natural resources





#### **Smart Growth Economic Gains**



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